SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 12 as follows:

Referring to Figure 1, a processor-based system 10 may include a media player 64 ~~60~~ that plays electronic content. Electronic content may include video such as television, audio, games, software, or other media. The media player 64 ~~60~~ may be, for example, a compact disk player, a magnetic card reader, an MP-3 player, or a digital video disk player, as examples.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 19 as follows:

The processor-based system 10 may be a conventional desktop computer system, a set-top box, or a processor-based appliance, as examples. The processor-based system 10 may include the media player 64 ~~60~~, a display system 54 for displaying visual material and a sound system 56 for playing audio material.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 14 as follows:

Also, coupled to the bus 50 is a south bridge 62. The south bridge 62 is coupled to hubs that in turn couple to the media player 64 ~~60~~ and a storage 66 such as a hard disk drive. Software 90 for implementing certain features of one embodiment of the present invention may be stored on the storage 66.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 8 as follows:

Coupled to the digital-to-analog converter 26 is a watermark detector 60. The watermark detector 60 detects whether watermarks present in the content received from a content provider are actually played as intended. For example, the watermark detector 60 may detect whether the watermarked material is played in full at the predetermined play speed and is not otherwise muted, masked, fast-forwarded or stripped from the content. The watermark detector 64 ~~60~~ may be coupled to the media player 60 to control the play of content on the media player 64 ~~60~~. Thus, content may not be played through the system 10 unless certain advertising material containing a watermark is played as originally intended.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 15 as follows:

The watermark detector 60 may directly monitor the video or audio input/output channels to ensure that the channels correctly extract the advertising watermark if, and only if, the advertising is played by the digital output channel at the proper rate and for the duration of the advertising, with no extraneous masking. The extracted advertising security code or watermark is then returned to a media player application to allow decryption of the remaining content by the media player 64 ~~60~~.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 22 as follows:

Next, the media player 64 ~~60~~ may be unlocked as indicated in block 100. In one embodiment, this may mean that a key is provided for decrypting encrypted content and allowing the play of that content in return for having watched a commercial. As another example, the media player 64 ~~60~~ may be allowed to actually operate to play the rest of the content. In still another embodiment, the system 10 either decrypts or allows the play of content received from an external source.